

Application No. 10/759,441  
Response dated Oct. 12, 2004  
Reply to Office Action of July 9, 2004



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Filed : 01/16/2004  
Art Unit : 3679  
Confirmation No. : 7842  
Examiner : Cottingham, John R  
Docket No. : 22-05-101  
Customer No. : 04856

Title : MULTI-USE FLEXIBLE STRAP AND BASE CONNECTOR

**RESPONSE**

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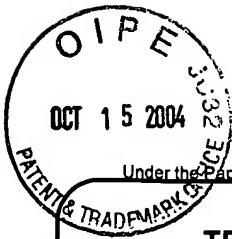
Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated July 9, 2004, in the above entitled application, please add the following new claims. Reconsideration of the rejection of claims 1-10 and consideration of newly added claims 11-13 and allowance of these claims is respectfully requested.

**Additions to the claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

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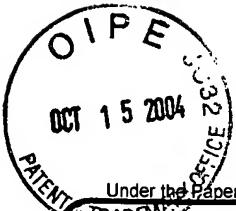
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